

1681

The ORDER of Riding of the PARLIAMENT conform to the
Ancient Custom of the Kingdom of Scotland, and as it was practised
the 28th. Day of July 1681.

I. His Majesties High Commissioner and Lords of Privy Council ordained, The Magistrats of Edinburgh, to cause make a Lane of their Citizens, in Arms and best Order, from the Lady-steps to the Nether-bow, (His Majesties Foot-guards making the Lane from the Nether-bow to the Palace.)

II. The saids Magistrats are appointed to order, that there be no Shooting, nor any Displaying of Ensigns, nor Beating of Drums, during the Cavalcade, nor any Coaches to be seen within the Ports of Edinburgh, till the whole Solemnity be over, under all highest Pains. The saids Magistrats are to cause make and place two Banks of Timber within the Abbey-Close for Mounting on Horse-back, and two at the Lady-steps, for Mounting upon Horse-back and Dismounting.

III. The Constable and Marischal Guards of Partizans are to make a Lane from the Lady-steps, these of the Constables without, and these of the Marischals within the House, allowing the Constable six of his Guard within Doors, conform to the former Practice.

IV. Every Member of Parliament must Ride, and the absents incur Fyning, conform to the Act of Parliament 1662.

V. Where there be double Elections of Commissioners, neither are to Ride.

VI. The Nobility are to Ride in their Robes, and with Footmantles.

VII. The Officers of State who are not Noblemen, and who have Gowns peculiar to their Office, are to Ride in these Gowns.

VIII. The whole Members are to Ride Covered, excepting these who carry the Honours.

IX. The Lyon Herald, Pursevents and Trumpets, Ride immediatly before the Honours, the Lyon in his Coat and Robe, Chain and Batton, alone, and immediatly before the Sword, the rest with their Coats and Footmantles, bare-headed in their accustomed Order.

X. The two Macers of Council, and four Macers of Session, Ride on each side of the Honour, bare-headed, with Footmantles; the two Macers of Council attending the Crown, and the four Macers of Session the Scepter and Sword.

XI. The Higher Degree, and most Honourable of that Degree, is to Ride always last.

XII. Every Duke is to have eight Lackeys, every Marquess six, every Earl four, every Viscount three, every Lord three, every Commissioner for Estates two, and every Commissioner for Burghs one; and every Nobleman is to have a Gentleman, bare-headed, to walk by him, and to bear up his Train, and these Gentlemen are, at their Entry to the House, to stand without the Bar.

XIII. The Arch-bishops and Bishops are to Ride in their Gowns and Tippets with their Footmantles, and the Arch-bishops may have eight Lackeys, and Bishops three, and each of them is to have a Gentleman bare-headed to walk by him, and to bear up his Train.

XIV. The Noblemen's Lackeys may have over their Liveries, Velvet Coats with their Badges, &c. their Crests and Motto's done on Plate, or Embroidered upon the Back and Breast, conform to ancient Custom; or their ordinary Liveries.

XV. The Constable and Marischal are, in the Morning, to wait on His Majesties High Commissioner at the Palace, and to receive his Orders, and from thence, returning privately, the Constable is to come out of his Lodging on Foot, and having viewed the Rooms under and above the Parliament-House, puts on his Robes, and having his Batton in his Hand, sets himself in a Chair at the Entry of the Clos, at the Lady-steps, by the ourmoult of his Guards, from which he is to ride and Salute the Members, as they light from their Horses, and to recommend them to the Gentlemen of his Guard, to be conducted to the Marischal Guards.

XVI. The Marischal is also to attend in his Robes, being set in a Chair at the Head of his Guards, and to receive the Members (having his Batton in his Hand) as they enter the Door.

XVII. The Officers of State who are Noblemen, so many of them as are in the Kingdom, are to Ride up from the Abbey in their Robes, about half an hour before the Cavalcade, and to wait in the Parliament-House, until the High Commissioner come. And when an ordinary Subject is Commissioner, the High Chancellor is to take his own Purse in his Hand, and another sum between the Bar and the Throne. But when His Royal Highness, or any lawful Brother or Son of the King is Commissioner, he is to Usher them from the Door it self and back.

XVIII. The whole Members of Parliament are to wait upon His Majesties High Commissioner in the Guard-Hall, the Nobility being in their Robes, and the Servants and Horses are to attend in the outer Clos.

XIX. The Lyon King at Arms in his Coat, Robe, Chain and Batton, (to whose Charge the Order of the Ryding is committed,) with six Heraldos, six Pursevents, and six Trumpets, in their Coats, attend likewise.

XX. How soon His Majesties High Commissioner is ready, the Lord Register (or such as he shall appoint) and Lyon standing together, each of them having a Roll in his hand, and the Rolls being read, the Lyon is to call the Names of such of them as are to Ride, according to their Order, and one Herald is to cry about at one of the Windows, and another at the Gate, and see them do accordingly.

XXI. The Members are to Ride two and two, each Degree by it self, at some distance, without mixing with any other Degree, so that if there fall to be an odd Member of one Degree, he must Ride alone.

XXII. The Lord Register is to make up the Rolls of Parliament, both for the Ryding, and Calling in the Parliament-House, conform to the Rolls of the Riding and Calling at the last Parliament, Anno 1669, whereof he is to give the Lyon a just duplicat, except where there is just ground to alter the same, and the Members are to Ride as they are Called; but if they think themselves pre-judged, they may Protest in the same manner as at the Calling of the Rolls in the House, and may afterwards as they think fit, apply themselves to the Parliament for remedy.

XXIII. The Honours are to be carried immediatly before the High Commissioner; the Crown by the Marques of Douglass; the Scepter next to it, by the eldest Earl present; and the Sword before it, by the Earl next in Order, and the Bearers are to Ride one by one Bare-headed.

XXIV. The Dukes and Marqueses are to Ride after the High Commissioner at some distance, conform to the former Custom.

XXV. The Master of the Horse is to Ride bare-headed after His Majesty's High Commissioner but a little aside, when the Commissioner is the Kings lawful Son or Brother.

XXVI. The Gentleman-Usher with a White Rode in his hand, is to Ride aside bare-headed near to the Commissioner, he before on the same side, and in the same manner, as the Master of Horses behind, in the case foresaid.

XXVII. How soon His Majesty's High Commissioner alights from his Horse, the Lord Constable is to receive Him, and to attend Him to the Marischal Guards, and then both Constable and Marischal are to Convoy Him bare-headed to the Throne, and are in the same manner to attend Him in His return to Horse.

XXVIII. When the Members alight, the Servants and Horses are to remove and to stand in the Land-Mercat, betwixt the Tolbooth and the Weigb House, untill the High Commissioner be upon His return to the Palace.

XXIX. The return to the Palace is to be in the same manner, with these two alterations, viz. First, The Constable and Marischal Ride on the High Commissioners right and left Hand, with Capes of Permission, the Constable on the right, and Marischal on the left. Secondly, The Officers of State, who are Noblemen, are not to take Horse untill the High Commissioner be gone, and then are to Ride at some distance after the Guard.

Order of the Proceeding on Horse-back, to be performed the first day of the Ensuing Parliament, by all the Members of Parliament, in Convoying His Royal Higbness, His Majesty's High Commissioner, from the Abbey of Holy-Rood-House to the Parliament House, and back again to the Palace, the 28 day of July 1681.

About the space of half an Hour before the Riding begin, Lord High Chancellour, and Lord Privy Seal (they being only present of the principal Officers of State) Ride up in their Robes, the Chancellour on the right hand with Mace and Purse before Him, and the Privy Seal on the left; and in their return to the Palace, they are to Ride at a distance after the Guard.

Two Trumpets, in their Coats and Banners, bare-headed,
Two Purfeyants in their Coats and Footmantles, bare-headed,
The Commissioners for Burghs, two and two.
The Commissioners for Shires, two and two.
The Four Officers of State who are not Noblemen, two and two.
The Lords or Barons of Parliament, two and two.
The Bishops, two and two
The Viscounts, two and two.
The Earls, two and two.
The two Arch-Bishops.

Four Trumpets, in their Coats and Banners, bare-headed, two and two
Four Purfeyants, in their Coats and Footmantles, bare-headed, two and two.
Six Heralds in their Coats and Footmantles, bare-headed, two and two.
The Lyon King of Arms, in his Coat, Robe, Collar, Batton and Footmantle, bare-headed.
Three Macers with their Maces and Footmantles, bare-headed. The Sword of State, born by the Earl of Mar bare-headed, The Scepter, born by the Earl of Argyle, bare-headed. The Crown carried by the Marques of Douglass bare-headed, A Nobleman bearing the Purse with His Royal Higbness Commission, bare-headed. His Royal Highness, His Majesty's High Commissioner, attended with His Servants Pages and Footmen; and in the return to the palace, having the high Constable on His Right hand, and the Marischal on his left, with Caps of Permission, and in their Robes.

The Master of Horse bare-headed aside, in the case foresaid.
The Dukes and Marqueses attending His Majesty's High Commissioner in their Robes.

The Captain of His Majesty's Guard on the head of the Troup of Guards.